



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- **How much will it cost to attend these workshops?**

These workshops are **FREE!!!!!!!!!!**

- **Can I receive professional development credit for attending?**

Depending on the state in which you teach and whether you attend a one or two-day workshop, we are able to offer professional development credits to some participants. If you are interested in earning such credits, please contact Tammy Becker, Education Coordinator with Living Lands & Waters and she will be able to determine whether or not you are eligible. Tammy's email: tammy@livinglandsandwaters.org Phone: (309) 236-0725

- **How many seats are available at each stop?**

There is a limit to 30 teachers per stop. Seats will fill up fast so we encourage any interested individual to register as early as possible.

- **Who is invited to attend?**

These workshops are designed for any kind of educator including troop leaders, civic leaders, etc. However, due to the subject matter and topics discussed, our target audience is grades 6-12 science teachers. But ANYONE with a sincere desire to learn about the river and to pass on the knowledge gained is welcome.

- **How will we know if there is a schedule change?**

Because we are at the mercy of Mother Nature and our equipment, events may occur that are out of our control (i.e. flooding, tug boat breaks down, etc.) Please be sure to check the Missouri Department of Natural Resources River Education Web site for updates.

- **Should we pack our own lunch?**

No. Lunch will be provided (hopefully we will be eating out on an island or sandbar...weather permitting!). We request that anyone with specific dietetic needs inform Tammy Becker, Education Coordinator at (309)236-0725.

- **What should I wear?**

Because the weather can be unpredictable and the temperature on the water is often cooler than on land, we **recommend layers**. It may even rain so **you may want to bring a rain coat** if you have it. LL&W will provide rain ponchos if need be. Also, no matter how clean we get our boats, dirt just seems to grow in them. So, **be prepared to get a little dirty**. We do not recommend wearing anything too nice as there is a chance it may get stained or soiled. **Wear comfortable clothes that are easy to move around in** as you will be moving from the barge to work boats and such. In particular, we are asking all participants to wear "disposable" shoes or boots because they could get muddy walking around in bottomland forests. **Old tennis shoes are appropriate**. We will provide life jackets for everyone but you may bring your own if you like. Furthermore, because the

classroom also functions as the crew living room, **we ask that everyone take off their shoes in the foyer. So you may want to be extra sure there are no holes in your socks☺**

And please, absolutely NO skirts or open-toed shoes!!!!

- **Do I have to attend the workshop that is closest to my hometown or school?**

No. We suggest that you select the workshop that works best with your schedule AND geographic location.

- **How do I know where to go? Where do we meet?**

We will have directions on where to meet and how to get there on the web prior to the event. You will be able to get access to these directions via www.livinglandsandwaters.org and the Educational Workshop link established to the MO DNR web page. All directions will be posted on this site.

- **What if I registered but for some reason, can't make it?**

If for any reason you cannot make it to the workshop that you registered for, we ask that you please let Bryan Hopkins know ASAP so that we can fill the vacancy. We also suggest that you check with Bryan to see if there is a vacancy at another stop that may work better with your schedule.